

a continuous web of a cover material mounted for movement from a supply position to a take-up position;

a shearing blade mounted for reciprocal linear motion along a direction substantially normal to said web for cutting a portion of said cover material at a region between said supply position and said take-up position.

61. (NEW) The system of claim 60, wherein said cover system further comprises:

an idler reel for holding said cover material in said supply position;

a driven reel for taking up said cover material in said take-up position;

Q3 a movable piston for effecting said linear reciprocal motion, said movable piston having a lower face on which said movable blade is mounted; and

a resiliently compliant, substantially planar surface provided on said lower face along a region between said movable blade for pressing said cover material against an upper surface of said substrate.

62. (NEW) The system of claim 60, wherein said cover material comprises an optically clear film.--

REMARKS

Consideration and allowance of the above-captioned patent application are respectfully requested. Claims 1, 2, and 21 have been amended. Claims 26-47 have been canceled, without prejudice, as being drawn to non-elected invention. New claims 51-62 have been added. Claims 1-25 and 48-62 are pending.

Election/Restriction

In the Office Action, restriction to one of the following inventions was required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-25 and 48-50, drawn to a system for picking up a plurality of beads, classified in class 422, subclass 100.
- II. Claims 26-39, drawn to a system of channeling a plurality of beads, classified in class 422, subclass 99.
- III. Claims 40-47, drawn to a method for transferring beads, classified in class 436, subclass 180.

Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group I (claims 1-25 and 48-50). This election is made without traverse. Non-elected claims 26-47 have been canceled, without prejudice.

Claim Amendments

Claims 1, 2, and 21 have been amended to correct informalities therein.

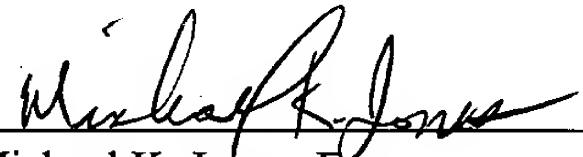
New Claims

New claims 51-62 have been added to claim features from original claims 36-47, and these new claims depend from the claims of Group I (claims 1 and 21).

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the foregoing is a full and complete response to the Office Action of record. Accordingly, an early and favorable consideration and allowance of all of pending claims 1-25, 48-59 and 51-62 are respectfully requested.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims

The claims have been amended as follows:

1. **(Amended)** A system for picking up a plurality of submillimeter beads from a bead supply and transferring [them] said beads to a desired location, comprising:

a plurality of projections depending from a support at spaced-apart locations defining an array;

a cavity formed at a lower end region of each of said projections, each of said cavities defined by (i) a lower opening, (ii) an upper ceiling region, and (iii) a sidewall extending between said lower opening and said upper ceiling region; and

an attraction source, operable at said projection end regions, effective to draw beads from said supply into said cavities and to releasably retain [them] said beads therein.

2. **(Amended)** The system of claim 1, wherein at least a lower portion of said sidewall of each projection comprises [is comprised, at least in part, of] a resiliently flexible material.

21. **(Amended)** The system of claim 1, further comprising

a conduit assembly having a plurality of conduits for separately channeling a plurality of submillimeter beads released from said cavities to desired locations on a substrate, said conduits having (i) large openings at their upper ends disposed in an array having a center-to-center pitch like that of the projection array such that the large openings are [generally] substantially alignable [thereunder] under the projections, and (ii) small openings at their lower ends disposed in an array having a center-to-center pitch like that of the substrate array such that the small openings are substantially aligned thereover.

Claims 26-47 have been canceled, without prejudice, as being drawn to non-elected invention.

New claims 51-62 have been added.